

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9-20, 22-38 and 40-47 are pending in this application. Claims 2-5, 23-28, 30-35 and 43 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 9-20, 29, 37, 38, 42, 45 and 47 are allowed. Claims 1, 22, 36, 41, 44 and 46 are rejected. Claims 6 and 40 stand objected to. The Applicants herein amend Claims 1 and 6. Support for these amendments is found in the as-filed specification and claims. The Applicants herein cancel Claims 22, 36, 40, 41, 44, and 46 without prejudice or disclaimer.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants withdraw the reference to the International Search Report in the IDS filed on 20 February 2007, as all of those references have been cited or listed elsewhere in the IDS.

SPECIFICATION OBJECTION

The disclosure (page 7, line 4) stands objected to because it contains an embedded hyperlink. In response to this objection, the Applicants amended this portion of the specification to remove this embedded hyperlink, and have rewritten the paragraph to include markings. Therefore, this objection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

The Examiner objected to Claim 6 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In response, the Applicants herein amend Claim 6 to be an independent claim. Accordingly, the Applicants understand from the Examiner that Claim 6, as amended, is allowable. The Examiner objected to Claim 40 as being a substantial duplicate of Claim 29. The Applicants herein cancel Claim 40. These two amendments to Claims 6 and 40 render both of these claim objections moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being allegedly anticipated by Yamamoto, *et al.*, EP 0845530 A3. The Applicants herein amend Claim 1 to recite, "said substitution being from three to five amino acid residues", which the Examiner indicates will place Yamamoto, *et al.* outside the scope of Claim 1. The Applicants apologize to the Examiner for omitting to make this amendment in their Amendment and Response filed on 20 February 2007. This omission was done through inadvertence and without

deceptive intent. In view of this amendment, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

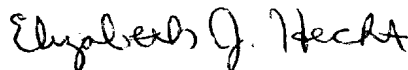
NEW CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER
35 U.S.C. § 103 NECESSITATED BY ADMENDMENT

Claims 22 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Burton, *et al.*, already of record and Janson, *et al.* US Pregrant Publication US2003/0232032, in view of Cox, *et al.*, US 6,753,122. The Applicants herein cancel Claims 22 and 36, thereby rendering this ground of rejection moot.

Claims 41, 44, and 46 stand rejected under under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Burton, *et al.*, Janson, *et al.*, in view of Cox, *et al.*, in further view of Kim, *et al.*, previously of record. The Applicants herein cancel Claims 41, 44, and 46, thereby rendering this ground of rejection moot.

The Applicants reserve the right to prosecute, in one or more patent applications, the claims as originally filed, the cancelled claims, the withdrawn claims, and any other claim that is supported by the instant specification. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any remaining objections or concerns, the Applicants invite her to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the below telephone number to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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